

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SJR 746**

March 2, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Directs the Department of Education to conduct a study of the alternative schools across Tennessee to evaluate:

- the quality of the curriculum utilized by the schools;
- the policies and procedures relative to discipline and punishment; and
- the drop out rate for alternative school students.

It is the legislative intent that such study be concluded and its results and findings, including any recommendations, be presented to the Oversight Committee on Education no later than April 1, 2005.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

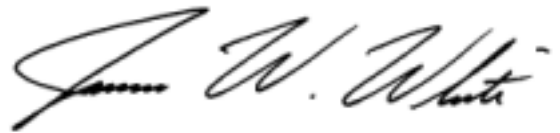
#### **Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant**

Estimate assumes:

- At present, there are approximately 150 alternative schools in Tennessee that would be affected by this resolution.
- The development of an alternative schools monitoring/audit instrument which would report LEA information pertaining to curriculum, policy and procedure and drop out rate could be compiled with existing staff; therefore, any cost associated with the preparation and distribution of such study would be not significant.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director